

Social Services Block Grant



Purpose	Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funded programs assist individuals or families to become less dependent on others for financial support or personal care; protect vulnerable children and/or adults; avoid unnecessary or premature institutionalization; and assist in gaining appropriate placement if institutionalization is necessary.	
Who Is Helped	<p>Iowa's intended use plan* for the state's SSBG allocation advances the following SSBG goals on behalf of Iowans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency. • Achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependency. • Preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests, or preserving, rehabilitating or reuniting families. • Preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care. • Securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate or providing services to individuals in institutions. <p>*The 2016 SSBG Pre-Expenditure Report (intended use plan) is available on the DHS website under Reports.</p>	<p>Projected Use of SSBG Funds, by Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Case Management (39%) ■ Protective Services-Adult (1%) ■ Foster Care - Adults (> 1%) ■ Foster Care - Children (6%) ■ Home - Based Services (37%) ■ Special Services - Disabled (10%) ■ Other - Volunteers (> 1%) ■ Administrative Costs (6%) <p>✓ <i>Prior to the mandatory sequestration in March 2013, as outlined in the Budget Control Act of 2011, the federal SSBG allocation remained consistent at approximately \$16.6 million for the from 2008-2013.</i></p> <p>✓ <i>Sequestration and reallocations based on the most recent census reduced Iowa's allocation from \$16.6 million to \$15.8 million for FFY 2014 and to \$15.3 million for FFY 2015 & FFY 2016.</i></p> <p>✓ <i>This federal block grant continues to be threatened by Congressional actions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Potential future reductions for non-exempt mandatory programs, including SSBG.</i> • <i>Total elimination of the block grant under various House of Representative Labor, Health & Human Services funding proposals.</i>
Goals & Strategies	<p>Goal: Promote Iowa's Behavioral Health Status</p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assure children with mental health conditions can be effectively served in Iowa and have effective community based options. • Provide access to mental health services. 	<p>SFY 15 key performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Iowa's Money Follows the Person program, 80 percent of consumers transitioned from institutional to community placements within 6 months of enrollment.

	<p>Goal: promote Choice for Persons with Disabilities Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote access to community based options for persons with disabilities. <p>Goal: Improve safety, permanency, and well-being for Iowa's children Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide access to child welfare services. Promote best practice in service delivery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since 2008, 463 consumers have transitioned out of ICF/ID placements to qualified living arrangements in the community, including 129 transitions in SFY15. Fifteen of these transitions are from out of state placements Iowa achieved a 149.8 rating in FFY14 for assuring children whose parental rights have been terminated are adopted within 2 years. This exceeds the national minimum standard of 106.4 and Iowa remains #1 ranking nationally for the fourth year. <p>SFY 14 key performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 99.4 percent of abuse assessment reports meet timeliness requirements 95 percent of children alleged to be victims of abuse are seen within required 1 hour and 24 hour timeframes 91 percent of children are safe from re-abuse.
	<p>✓ <i>HHS' Administration for Children & Families (ACF) has implemented new performance measure strategies to improve States' efficiency in planning for the use of SSBG funding.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>States will receive an overall performance score reflecting the percentage of all SSBG allocated dollars that were spent as the state projected. The target is 85 percent.</i> <i>Iowa's performance on this measure has exceeded 99 percent for the past six years based on total SSBG expenditures.</i> <i>In addition, ACF expects the percentage of SSBG funding used for administrative costs to be 10 percent or less; this will be formalized in a performance measure in the future. Iowa's intended use plans for 2013-2016 have reported administrative cost use of less than six percent.</i> 	